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**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration;
Availability of the Initial Study and Start of the Public Comment Period**

**PROPOSED 2016 REVISIONS TO THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS**

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS
TITLE 24, PARTS 1, and 6
California Energy Commission
DOCKET NO. 15-BSTD-01
CEC-400-2015-012**

The California Energy Commission is considering adopting revisions to the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Standards), codified in Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6, of the California Code of Regulations. The Standards (also known as the California Energy Code) establish minimum levels of energy efficiency for newly constructed buildings and for additions and alterations to existing buildings.

Energy Commission staff prepared an Initial Study to document the potential impacts of the proposed revisions to the Standards and has analyzed the potential environmental impacts that are likely to result if the revisions are adopted. Staff considered air emissions, water use, indoor air pollution, and changes in materials use, including mercury, lead, copper, steel, plastic, silicon, gold, aluminum, fiberglass, glass, and wood, finding the impacts in these areas to be less than significant.

In addition, staff estimates that implementing the 2016 Standards will reduce statewide annual electricity and natural gas consumption, and consequently reduce criteria air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, staff's recommendation to the Energy Commission is to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Negative Declaration based on its contents.

Public Comment Period

The public comment period for this Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration will be from February 27, 2015, through 10:00 a.m. on March 30, 2015.

Written comments must be e-mailed to Docket@energy.ca.gov or mailed or delivered to the following address (e-mailing is preferred):

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
Attention: Docket No. 15-BSTD-01
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Comments may also be made at the Lead Commissioner's Hearing on March 2 and 3, 2015 which will be noticed separately.

All written comments must contain the official number of the proceeding "Docket No. 15-BSTD-01" prominently displayed on the first page (or subject line if e-mailed). When comments are e-mailed on behalf of an organization, the comments should be a scanned copy of the original on the organization's letterhead and include a signature of an authorized representative.

Public Availability of Documents

Parties wishing to review and comment on the Initial Study may obtain the document, and all supporting documentation, free from the Energy Commission's website at:

www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards.html

Print copies are also available for \$5.00. Please send a request and check or money order made out to the California Energy Commission to:

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